

**REGULAR WEEKLY SESSION-----ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL**

**June 18, 2001**

**2:00 p.m.**

**The Council of the City of Roanoke met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., the regular meeting hour, in the City Council Chamber, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, Virginia, with Mayor Ralph K. Smith presiding, pursuant to Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, Section 2-15, Rules of Procedure, Rule 1, Regular Meetings, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, and pursuant to Resolution No. 35270-040201 adopted on April 2, 2001.**

**PRESENT: Council Members William D. Bestpitch, William H. Carder, C. Nelson Harris, W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----5.**

**ABSENT: Council Members William White, Sr., and Linda F. Wyatt-----2.**

**OFFICERS PRESENT: Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.**

**The meeting was opened with a prayer by The Reverend John S. Johnson, Director of Programs, Rescue Mission.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PROCLAMATIONS: The Mayor presented a Proclamation declaring November 19 - 23, 2001, as The Week of the Family in the City of Roanoke.**

**(For full text, see Proclamation on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**ACTS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT-HOTEL ROANOKE CONFERENCE CENTER: Mr. Carder offered the following resolution recognizing the hard work, excellent leadership and exemplary performance of Deborah J. Moses, Executive Director of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission, in connection with litigation filed by the Commission and its efforts to resolve construction problems at the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center:**

**(#35393-061801) A RESOLUTION expressing appreciation and recognition of the work of Deborah J. Moses, Executive Director of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission.**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35393-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**On behalf of the Members of Council, the Mayor presented a ceremonial copy of the above referenced measure to Ms. Moses.**

**PROCLAMATIONS: The Mayor presented a proclamation declaring Wednesday, June 27, 2001, as Mary Chrisholm Pickett Day in the City of Roanoke, and presented a copy of the proclamation to Ms. Pickett.**

**Inasmuch as Ms. Pickett holds the distinction of being the first woman elected to the Roanoke City Council, serving from September 1, 1953 to August 31, 1960, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Roanoke and the Members of Council, the Mayor presented her with a Key to the City.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**The Mayor advised that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda were considered to be routine by the Members of Council and would be enacted by one motion in the form, or forms, listed on the Consent Agenda, and if discussion was desired, that item would be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. He called specific attention to three requests for Closed Meetings to discuss appointments to a specific committee; to discuss the performance of two Council-Appointed Officers; and to discuss personnel matters with regard to vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.**

**MINUTES: Minutes of the regular meetings of Council held on Monday, June 4, 2001, were before the body.**

(For full text, see Minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the reading of the Minutes be dispensed with and that the Minutes be approved as recorded. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**COMMITTEES-CITY COUNCIL:** A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters relating to vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that Council concur in the request of the Mayor to convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss personnel matters relating to vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**COMMITTEES-CITY COUNCIL:** A communication from Council Member William D. Bestpitch requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss appointments to a specific committee, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that Council concur in the request of Council Member Bestpitch to convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss appointments to a specific committee, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A) (1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**CITY EMPLOYEES-CITY COUNCIL:** A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter with regard to the performance of two Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that Council concur in the request to convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss a personnel matter with regard to the performance of two Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**MUNICIPAL AUDITOR-COMMITTEES-AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Minutes of a meeting of the Audit Committee which was held on Monday, June 4, 2001, were before the body.

The following items were considered by the Audit Committee:

**FINANCIAL RELATED AUDITS:**

Records Management

Economic Development

**Human Resources**  
**Miscellaneous Taxes**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Update on Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**KPMG Audit plan - June 30, 2001**

**Briefing on Municipal Auditing 2002 Audit Plan**

**(For full text, see Minutes on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the Minutes be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**MUNICIPAL AUDITOR:** A communication from Robert H. Bird, Municipal Auditor, advising that he will retire from his position as Municipal Auditor, effective at the close of business on Friday, September 28, 2001, was before the body.

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that Council receive and file the communication and accept the notice of retirement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BUDGET-AMTRAK-RAIL SERVICE:** A communication from David A. Bowers, Chair, Passenger Rail Service Committee, transmitting a portion of the Spring 2001 newsletter, "The Inside Track," published by the American Passenger Rail Coalition, and advising that the latest statistics indicate that Amtrak ridership and revenues continue to grow in the first half of fiscal year 2001, as they have for the last four

years, with over 11 million passengers riding Amtrak trains from October 2000 through March 2001; and Council will be requested to fund capital improvements to the old Norfolk Southern Passenger Station through Roanoke in the future, and support for that initiative will be appreciated, was before the body.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**Y.M.C.A.-CITY PROPERTY:** A communication from the City Manager advising that the YMCA of Roanoke Valley, a non-profit organization, plans to build a new 40,000 square feet Central Branch YMCA to be located at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Luck Avenue to accommodate the expanding number of programs and to replace the current outdated facility; construction of the new \$6.5 million facility is scheduled to begin no later than June 1, 2002; and the YMCA has made a formal offer to the City to enter into a collaborative agreement for partnering on the development and use of the new facility, was before Council.

It was further advised that the Agreement specifies that the City will provide a \$2 million grant toward construction of the indoor aquatic facility; annual equal payments will be made to the YMCA over a period of ten years, with the first payment of \$200,000.00 due by September 1, 2001, and funding for operational support will not be requested; to facilitate construction, a real estate swop will occur between the City and the YMCA, with the City to transfer title of Official Tax Nos. 1113419 and 1113418 (506 Church Avenue and the adjoining lot) to the YMCA; upon completion of construction of the new facility, the YMCA will transfer title of its current parking lot and facility, excluding the annex gymnasium, which adjoins the current Central Branch of the YMCA (425 Church Avenue), Official Tax Nos. 1011206, 1011209 and 1011210; the property received by the City may be valuable in addressing parking needs in the area; benefits for City residents will include a discount on the initial membership fee at all facilities owned or operated by the YMCA in the City of Roanoke, County of Roanoke, City of Salem, Town of Vinton and County of Botetourt; and the Department of Parks and Recreation will participate with the YMCA in a Program Committee to develop programs.

The City Manager recommended that Council authorize a public hearing to be held on July 2, 2001, for a real estate swop, and following the public hearing, authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, with payment of \$200,000.00 due on September 1, 2001, to be appropriated with the approval of the Five Year Capital Improvement Program, and subsequent years payments shall be included in annual operating budgets subject to appropriation by Council as specified in the Agreement.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that Council concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to hold a public hearing on Monday July 2, 2001, at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chamber. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**TAXES-ANNUAL REPORTS:** A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, transmitting correspondence dated June 8, 2001, from the Honorable Richard C. Pattisall, Chief Judge, Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit of Virginia, and a May 30, 2001, report from the Board of Equalization, advising that the Equalization Board received 67 appeals from property owners, plus discovered inaccuracies in another 13 vacant lots, with a total of 80 properties having been inspected; and recommending that future Equalization Boards continue to have access to computer service in their work, with separate office space from the Office of Real Estate Valuation, was before Council.

(For full text, see communications on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the communication be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)





**HOUSING/AUTHORITY-OATHS OF OFFICE-COMMITTEES:** A report of qualification of Nancy F. Canova as a member of the Fair Housing Board for a term ending March 31, 2004, was before Council.

(See Oath or Affirmation of Office on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the report of qualification be received and filed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:** None.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**BUDGET CIRCUIT COURT-GRANTS:** A communication from the Honorable Arthur B. Crush, III, Clerk of Circuit Court, advising that the Clerk of the Circuit Court is responsible, by statute, for the recordation of legal instruments, which include Land Records, Marriage Licenses, Financing Statements, Assumed Names, Wills and other Probate Records, and Law, Chancery and Criminal Orders, and records must be maintained and made available to the public; the Optical Character Recognition System, also known as the Records Management Indexing/Scanning System, currently being used to record the above-mentioned records can no longer facilitate the volume of records being scanned; there is a need for additional, compatible equipment that will allow several operators to perform like tasks simultaneously, which equipment is available through the Supreme Court of Virginia, at a cost of \$20,191.00; and funding in the amount of \$20,191.00 is available from the Compensation Board of Virginia-Technology Trust Fund, was before Council.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court recommended that Council authorize the City Manager to execute the requisite documents to obtain funds from the Compensation Board-Technology Trust Fund; and that the Director of Finance be authorized to establish a revenue estimate, in the amount of \$20,191.00, in the Grant Fund, with appropriate funding to the following expenditure account:

<b>9005 Furniture and Equipment (&gt;\$5,000.00)</b>	<b>\$20,191.00</b>
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A communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation of the Clerk of Circuit Court, was also before Council.

(For full text, see communications on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35394-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35394-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35395-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to execute the requisite grant agreement or documents necessary to accept a grant of funds from the Compensation Board-Technology Trust Fund in order to provide an upgrade of current Optical Character Recognition System in the Clerk of Court's Office.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35395-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BUDGET-SCHOOLS: A communication from the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds to the following school accounts for fiscal year 2001-02, was before Council.**

**\$54,630.00 as a supplemental appropriation to the fiscal year 2001-02 School General Fund budget request approved by the School Board on March 6, 2001. The funds will be transferred from the City of Roanoke to the School General Fund. The additional City funds will be used for employee salary increases.**

**\$50,000.00 for the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Grant to provide for the replication of successful intervention programs from other school divisions at the school. Taylor Learning Academy will implement a basic skills program which includes staff development and remedial skills instruction. This continuing program is 100 per cent reimbursed by Federal funds.**

**\$7,500.00 for the Thurman Foundation for Children Grant to support the activities for the Partners for Success Program, which is designed to encourage college preparation of eighth grade students who show academic promise but would be unlikely to consider advanced studies without intervention. This is a continuing grant.**

**\$66,485.00 as an additional appropriation to provide funds for data cabling and networking at Fairview Elementary School. Funding for this project is provided from a Literary Fund loan approved for the project.**

**\$54,260.00 as an additional appropriation to provide funds for data cabling and networking at Fishburn Park Elementary School. Funding for this project is provided from a Literary Fund loan approved for the project.**

**A report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request of the School Board, was also before the body.**

**(For full text, see communication and report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**



**(#35396-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 School Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35396-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35397-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 School and School Capital Projects Funds Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35397-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**CITY MANAGER:**

**BRIEFINGS: None.**

**ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:**

**LANDMARKS/HISTORIC PRESERVATION-WATER RESOURCES:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that in 1976, the City of Roanoke approved a proposal from the Roanoke Valley Historical Society, the Roanoke Valley Bicentennial Commission, and citizen volunteers to renovate and refurbish the old Crystal Spring pumping station and its steam-powered pump as a historic preservation project and museum exhibit; the steam pump, manufactured by the Snow Pump Company of Buffalo, New York, is one of only two known steam pumps to exist today; the Crystal Spring Pumping Station served as the main water pumping plant for Crystal Spring from 1905 to 1959; and renovations to restore the building and pump were completed and for a period of several years, the pump station was open to the public as a museum exhibit.

It was further advised that the History Museum and the Historical Society of Western Virginia desires to reopen the museum as an exhibit for the public; the Historical Society has offered to staff the building and, through an endowment by Mr. David H. Burrows, provide educational materials and displays; and hours of operation are expected to be weekends, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and by special request.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute an Operating Services Agreement between the City of Roanoke and the History Museum and Historical Society of Western Virginia for a period of five years, with annual renewal options, and to take such further action as may be reasonably necessary to implement and administer the Agreement.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35398-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the City of Roanoke, Virginia, and the History Museum and Historical Society of Western Virginia (Society) providing for the operation of the old Crystal Spring Steam Pumping Station Museum by the Society, under certain terms and conditions; and authorizing the City Manager to take such further action as is necessary to implement and administer the terms of such Agreement.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35398-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:



**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BUDGET-SIGNALS AND ALARMS-TRANSPORTATION SAFETY-TRAFFIC:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that funds were established in the fiscal year 2000-01 budget, within the General Fund, for transportation projects; two projects, Airport Road Signals and Roadway Safety Improvements and Riverland Road/Bennington Street/Mount Pleasant Boulevard are in the property acquisition and design phase; and funds need to be appropriated to Capital Fund Project accounts for construction of the projects.

The City Manager recommended that Council authorize the following appropriations:

**\$40,000.00 to Capital Projects Account Airport Road Signals, Account No. 008-052-9577-9003; and**

**\$55,000.00 to Capital Projects Account Road Safety Improvements – Riverland Road/Bennington Street/Mount Pleasant Boulevard, Account No. 008-052-9606-9003.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35399-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35399-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT-BUDGET-GRANTS- EQUIPMENT:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000, enacted by the 106<sup>th</sup> United States Congress, provides funds to eligible law enforcement agencies for the purchase of bulletproof vests; the grant program is managed by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance; on May 16, 2001, the City of Roanoke was awarded \$14,515.00 to purchase new bulletproof vests, which will provide for procurement for 41 bulletproof vests; bulletproof vests are primary officer-safety equipment and all Roanoke Police sworn personnel are issued bulletproof vests; and grant funds will be used to purchase bulletproof vests in need of replacement and for issue to new police hires.

The City Manager recommended that Council accept the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$14,515.00 and that the City Manager and the Chief of Police be authorized to execute any grant agreements related to such grant; that Council appropriate \$14,515.00 from Bulletproof Vest Partnership grant to certain accounts to be established by the Director of Finance, and increase revenue estimates in accounts also to be established by the Director of Finance.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35400-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35400-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35401-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing the acceptance of a Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the United States Department of Justice, and authorizing execution of any required documentation on behalf of the City.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35401-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BUDGET-HUMAN DEVELOPMENT-HOUSING/AUTHORITY/GRANTS:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that ESG funds are allocated under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act and must be used to provide assistance to the homeless or to those at risk of becoming homeless; Council authorized filing an ESG application through submission of the Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for fiscal year 2001-02 on May 7, 2001, pursuant to Resolution No. 35319-050701; HUD's approval letter, granting the City access to its 2001-02 ESG entitlement of \$76,000.00 is completing the routine release process and is forthcoming; and acceptance of the entitlement and appropriation of funds to certain accounts is needed to allow projects to proceed.

The City Manager recommended that Council adopt a resolution accepting \$76,000.00 in 2001-02 ESG funds, contingent upon receipt of a letter of approval from HUD; that the City Manager be authorized to execute the required Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, and other forms required by HUD in order to accept the funds; and that Council appropriate \$76,000.00 entitlement to revenue and expenditure accounts in the Grant Fund to be established by the Director of Finance.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Carder offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35402-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35402-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:**

**(#35403-061801) A RESOLUTION accepting the Fiscal year 2001-2002 funds for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the requisite Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35403-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BUDGET-HOUSING/AUTHORITY-GRANTS: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that HOME is a housing assistance program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); the City has received a HOME entitlement grant each year since fiscal year 1992 and must reapply annually to HUD to receive funds; and on May 7, 2001, Council authorized filing the 2001-2002 HOME application as a part of approving the submission of the Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan to HUD.**

**It was further advised that HUD's approval letter, granting the City access to its 2001-2002 HOME entitlement of \$753,000.00 is completing the routine release process and is forthcoming; acceptance of funds and appropriation to certain accounts is needed to permit projects to proceed; \$41,397.00 which were unexpended from earlier HOME accounts needs to be transferred; and acceptance of the 2001-2002 entitlement requires a local match of \$87,875.00, however, no outlays of City funds will be needed to meet the requirement.**



The City Manager recommended that Council adopt a resolution accepting \$753,000.00 in 2001-2002 HOME funds, contingent upon receipt of an approval letter from HUD; that the City Manager be authorized to execute the required Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, and any other documents required by HUD in order to accept the funds; that Council appropriate \$753,000.00 to revenue and expenditure accounts in the Grant Fund to be established by the Director of Finance; and transfer \$41,397.00 in HOME accounts from prior years to projects included in the 2001-2002 HOME program.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:  
(#35404-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35404-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35405-061801) A RESOLUTION accepting the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, and authorizing the proper City officials to execute the requisite Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35405-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BUDGET-COMMUNITY PLANNING-GRANTS:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that Community Development Block Grant is a program of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which offers assistance to the community in many ways; the City has received CDBG entitlement grants each year since inception of the program in 1974 and must submit an action plan annually to HUD to receive funding; and on May 7, 2001, pursuant to Resolution No. 35319-050701, Council authorized filing the 2001-2002 CDBG application through submission of the Annual Update of the Consolidated Plan to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 2001-2002.

It was further advised that HUD's routine release process is underway, and a HUD approval letter is forthcoming granting the City access to its 2001-2002 CDBG entitlement of \$2,239,000.00; in addition, \$655,000.00 which was unexpended from prior year accounts and \$170,704.00 in anticipated program income are also included in the appropriation for fiscal year 2001-2002 programs; and acceptance of the entitlement and appropriation of funds to certain accounts is needed to allow projects to proceed.

**The City Manager recommended that Council take the following actions:**

**Adopt a resolution accepting the \$2,239,000.00 in 2001-2002 CDBG funds, contingent upon receipt of the approval letter from HUD.**

**Authorize the City Manager to execute the required Grant Agreement, Funding Approval, and other forms required by HUD in order to accept the funds.**

**Appropriate \$2,239,000.00 entitlement, and \$170,704.00 in anticipated program income to revenue and expenditure accounts in the Grant Fund to be established by the Director of Finance; and**

**Transfer \$655,000.00 in CDBG accounts from prior years to projects included in the 2001-2002 CDBG program.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**ACTION:** Mr. Hudson moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading.

**(#35406-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----4.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**In as much as his wife is employed by the YMCA and the measure involves appropriation of Federal funds to the organization, Mr. Bestpitch stated that the City Attorney has rendered the opinion that he must abstain from voting on the above referenced measure.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:**

**(#35407-061801) A RESOLUTION accepting the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 funds for the Community Development Block Grant program, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the requisite Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35407-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----4.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Member Bestpitch abstained from voting.)**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BUDGET-HOUSING/AUTHORITY-COMMUNITY PLANNING-GRANTS: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that each year, the City submits a Consolidated Plan Annual Update (Annual Update) to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in order to receive Community Development**



**Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) entitlements; the Annual Update describes the individual programs to be conducted with funds awarded to the City; and substantial amendments to the Annual Update require a 30-day public comment period before a change can be implemented.**

**It was further advised that additional funding is needed to increase the amount of rehabilitation of substandard housing that might otherwise be demolished; a decrease in funds appropriated in the demolition project by \$75,000.00 will allow for the re-creation of two new projects: Code Enforcement/Rental Support and Residential and Code Enforcement/ Rental Support - Rental; the amendment will establish \$37,500.00 in each of the two projects; and inclusion of Code Enforcement/Rental Support allows for continuation of a program that assists with the elimination of slums and blighted conditions, as well as increases the number of safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income citizens.**

**The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to amend the 2000-2001 Consolidated Plan Annual Update, including the submission of necessary documents to HUD to reflect a decrease in funding of the Demolition project and include Code Enforcement/Rental Support - Residential and Code Enforcement/Rental Support - Rental Programs, following the public review and comment period, provided no compelling adverse public comments are received; and that Council authorize transfer of \$75,000.00 from Account No. 035-G01-0120-5108 (\$4,000.00) and Account No. 035-G00-0020-5108 (\$71,000.00) to accounts to be established by the Director of Finance for Code Enforcement/Rental Support - Residential, in the amount of \$37,500.00, and Code Enforcement/Rental Support - Rental, in the amount of \$37,500.00.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35408-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35408-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:**

**(#35409-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager to amend the Annual Update to the Consolidated Plan for FY 2000-2001, including the submission of necessary documents to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35409-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BONDS/BOND ISSUES-WATER RESOURCES: : The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the City of Roanoke was notified by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health on May 2, 2000, that due to possible surface water influence, Crystal Spring could not be used as a water supply until the water was treated for potential surface contaminants which has caused a loss of three to four million gallons of water per day in the potable water supply of the City of Roanoke.**

**It was further advised that a preliminary engineering study determined the most feasible method to treat Crystal Spring water was a membrane filtration system; the project consultant, Wiley & Wilson, Inc., has requested additional compensation to moniter pilot testing of the membrane filtration equipment, and design of approximately 4,100 square feet of office space within the proposed water plant building office space will permit approximately 15 Utility Department personnel currently working at other multiple locations to be housed in one facility; and the proposed additional work will add \$63,000.00 to the base contract of \$500,000.00.**

**The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to execute Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Wiley & Wilson, Inc., in the amount of**

**\$63,000.00 for additional design services for the Crystal Spring Water Treatment Plant; that Council appropriate \$20,000.00 from Water Fund Prior Year Retained Earnings to be transferred to Account No. 002-510-8395, Crystal Spring Filter Plant; and that Council adopt a resolution indicating the City's intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of Series 2002 General Obligation bonds to be issued in the future.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Hudson offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35410-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 General Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Hudson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35410-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:**

**(#35411-061801) A RESOLUTION declaring the City's intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of its general obligation public improvement bonds for certain monies to be appropriated by the City for expenditures in connection with Amendment No. 2 to the Crystal Spring Water Treatment Plant Project; and providing for an effective date.**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35411-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:**

**(#35412-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing the City Manager's issuance of Amendment No. 2 to the City's contract with Wiley & Wilson, Inc., to monitor the pilot testing of the membrane filtration equipment and the design of approximately 4,100 square feet of office space within the proposed water plant building for the Crystal Spring Water Treatment Plant Project.**

**(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35412-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**CITY CODE-TAXES-ENTERPRISE ZONE: The City Manager submitted a communication advising that on July 1, 1996, Council adopted Ordinance No. 33019-070196, which approved, adopted and established certain local incentives for the area designated as Enterprise Zone Two in the City and provided an effective date for the applicability of said incentives; on July 19, 1999, Council adopted Ordinance No. 34412-071999, which provided that certain local incentives available in Enterprise Zone Two would also be available within Enterprise Zone One, subject to approval by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD); such local incentives included a tax exemption of certain rehabilitated or renovated commercial or industrial real property, however, local incentives were scheduled to end on June 30, 2001, unless extended by Council; DHCD has approved the application of local incentives to Enterprise Zone One; Chapter 32, Article II, Division 5A, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, needs to be amended to make tax exemption available to real property within Enterprise Zone One; and the availability of local incentives, including tax exemption, for both Enterprise Zones One and Two need to be extended from June 30, 2001 to December 31, 2003.**

**It was further advised that in order to make tax exemption available for certain real property within Enterprise Zone One and to extend the availability of tax exemption in both Enterprise Zones One and Two, the above referenced portion of the City Code needs to be amended to continue economic incentives within both Enterprise Zones, in order to attract and/or retain businesses within the two Enterprise Zones; DHCD requires that localities offer local incentives to supplement incentives offered by the State for enterprise zones, or risk the possibility of losing**

the designation of an enterprise zone; the City has done so with local incentives offered within Enterprise Zone Two when it was created in January, 1996, and by making applicable local incentives from Enterprise Zone Two available within Enterprise Zone One by the July 19, 1999, above referenced ordinance, those incentives are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2001, and need to be extended to December 31, 2003; and the December 31, 2003, date was selected since it is the date that designation for Enterprise Zone One will expire or need to be extended and any further action can take place at that time in connection with extension as the State may grant.

The City Manager recommended that Council amend Division 5A, Exemption of Certain Rehabilitated or Renovated Commercial or Real Property Located in Enterprise Zone Two, of Article II, Real Estate Taxes Generally, of Chapter 32, Taxation, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, by amending the title of Division 5A. and §32-101.1, Generally, §32-101.3, Eligibility of Commercial or Industrial Real Property, and §32-101.5, Application, to allow real property located in the City's Enterprise Zone One to be included within Division 5A., and qualify for tax exemptions provided for by Division 5A; and to extend the applicable time period to December 31, 2003; and amend Ordinance No. 33019-070196, adopted by Council on July 19, 1996, which established certain local incentives for Enterprise Zone Two and Ordinance No. 34412-071999, adopted by Council on July 19, 1999, which made such local incentives apply to the City's Enterprise Zone One, by modifying both to provide that such local incentives for Enterprise Zones One and Two shall be applicable through December 31, 2003, and authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for approval of such amendments and/or to take such further action as may be necessary to obtain or confirm said amendments.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35413-061801) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Division 5A, Exemption of Certain Rehabilitated or Renovated Commercial or Industrial Real Property Located in Enterprise Zone Two, of Article II, Real Estate Taxes Generally, of Chapter 32, Taxation, of the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, by amending the title of Division 5A. and §32-101.1, Generally, §32-101.3, Eligibility of Commercial or Industrial Real Property, and §32-101.5, Application, to allow real property located in the City's Enterprise Zone One to be included within Division 5A., and qualify for tax exemptions provided for by Division 5A.; and to extend the applicable time period to December 31, 2003; and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35413-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35414-061801) AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 33019-070196, adopted by City Council on July 1, 1996, which established certain local incentives for the area designated as Enterprise Zone Two in the City, by modifying it to provide that such local incentives be applicable for the period of July 1, 1996, through December 31, 2003; amending Ordinance No. 34412-071999, which made the above mentioned local incentives apply to the City's Enterprise Zone One as of July 19, 1999, by modifying it to provide that such local incentives for Enterprise Zone One shall be applicable for the period of July 19, 1999, through December 31, 2003; authorizing the City Manager to apply to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the approval of the above amendments and/or to take such further action as may be necessary to obtain or confirm those amendments; and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35414-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BONDS/BOND ISSUES-BUDGET-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that at Council's Financial

Planning Session on March 10 , 2001, staff briefed Council on the status of various capital projects; based on the results of the Financial Planning Session, a separate document has been provided in the form of an update to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2002-2006; the CIP update reflects the current status of projects valued at \$116,682,311.00 that require Council's approval and/or funding; based on funding previously allocated to the projects, \$98,165,000.00 in additional funding is required; and not included in the CIP update document is additional funding of \$2,362,930.00, which is needed to complete projects previously approved by Council; a total of \$100,527,930.00 in funding is required to continue implementation of the new and previously approved CIP projects; and recommended sources of funding are as follows:

General Obligation Bond Issue during fiscal year 2002	\$56,245,000.00
Future General Obligation Bond Issue	36,870,000.00
Sale of Property	202,500.00
Water and Sewer Fund Retained Earnings	797,500.00
Transfers to Capital Projects	1,945,000.00
Undesignated Capital Funds	323,631.00
Capital Fund Interest Earnings	4,144,299.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100,527,930.00</b>

The City Manager recommended that Council approve the following list of new Capital Projects requiring additional funding of \$72,165,000.00.

Art Museum/IMAX Theater	\$3,700,000.00
Crystal Spring Water Filtration Plant	5,445,000.00
Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Program	5,000,000.00
Fire/EMS Facility Improvements	800,000.00
Greenways (Roanoke River Greenway)	1,000,000.00
High School Facility Improvements (Patrick Henry)	17,500,000.00
Neighborhood Storm Drain Program	2,000,000.00
New Police Building – Phase II	6,670,000.00
Parks Master Plan – Phase II	7,000,000.00
Roanoke Academy for Math and Science	4,600,000.00
Roanoke Passenger Station	1,250,000.00
Victory Stadium	16,200,000.00*
YMCA Aquatic Center	1,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,165,000.00</b>



**\*The total project cost is \$18 million -\$1,800,000.00 in funding and funding has been designated for the project, leaving a funding balance request of \$16,200,000.00.**

Authorize the City Clerk to advertise a public hearing on July 16, 2001, or at such other time as the City Manager may deem appropriate, to be held for the purpose of receiving input on the issuance of \$31,245,000.00 in General Obligation Bonds under the Public Finance Act, Section 15.2-2600 et. seq., Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, for the following projects:

Crystal Spring Water Filtration Plant	\$ 5,445,000.00
Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk Program	5,000,000.00
Roanoke Academy for Math and Science	4,600,000.00
Victory Stadium	16,200,000.00

Bond funds will supplement \$25,000,000.00 in General Obligation Bonds previously authorized by Council for the following projects:

Civic Center Renovations	\$ 3,000,000.00
Greater Gainsboro/Downtown North Improvements (Shenandoah Parking Garage)	2,500,000.00
Roanoke River Flood Reduction Project	7,500,000.00
South Jefferson Redevelopment Project	12,000,000.00

The total bond issue during Fiscal Year 2001-02 will be \$56,245,000.00.

Concur in the need for a future bond sale for \$36,870,000.00 to fund the following projects:

Art Museum/IMAX Theater	\$ 3,700,000.00
High School Facility Improvements	17,500,000 .00
Neighborhood Storm Drain Program	2,000,000 .00
New Police Building – Phase II	6,670,000 .00
Parks Master Plan – Phase II	7,000,000 .00

Appropriate \$1,200,000.00 in capital fund interest earnings into accounts established by the Director of Finance to the following new projects:

Fire/EMS Facility Improvement Program	\$ 800,000.00
Roanoke River Greenway	200,000.00
YMCA Aquatic Center	200,000.00

**Appropriate \$2,362,930.00 to the respective capital project accounts established by the Director of Finance to the following projects previously approved by Council:**

**\$900,000.00 in the fiscal year 2000-01 Transfers to Capital Projects Account for the Victory Stadium project;**

**\$235,000.00 in the fiscal year 2001-02 Transfers to Capital Projects Account for Victory Stadium;**

**\$252,677.00 in Undesignated Capital Funds to the Railside Linear Walk project;**

**\$94,299.00 in Capital Fund Interest Earnings to the Railside Linear Walk project;**

**\$13,500.00 in Undesignated Capital Funds to the Warehouse Row Buildings project;**

**\$57,454.00 in Undesignated Capital Funds to the Buildings category in the Capital Improvement Reserve;**

**\$500,000.00 in the fiscal year 2001-02 Transfers to Capital Projects Account for the Curb, Gutter and Sidewalk project; and**

**\$310,000.00 in the fiscal year 2001-02 Transfers to Capital Projects Account for the Walnut Avenue Bridge project.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35415-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35415-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

Mr. Bestpitch advised that his wife is employed by the YMCA and although the Capital Improvement Program includes funds for the YMCA, the City Attorney has rendered the opinion that he is not required to abstain from voting on the above referenced measure; however, in the interest of full disclosure, he would like for the record to reflect that his wife is an employee of the YMCA where she receives compensation in excess of \$10, 000.00 per annum.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35416-061801) A RESOLUTION endorsing the update to the Capital Improvement Program submitted by the City Manager and Director of Finance by report of June 18, 2001.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35416-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**ACTION: Mr. Hudson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertize a public hearing for Monday, July 16, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the City Council Chamber, to receive citizen input regarding issuance of \$31,245,000.00 in General Obligation Bonds under the Public Finance Act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted.**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved that Council concur in the need for a future bond sale in the amount of \$36,870,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted.**

**BUDGET-PARKS AND RECREATION-CMERP:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that on October 2, 2000, Council concurred in funding recommendations for the fiscal year 2000- 01 Capital Maintenance and Equipment Replacement Program (CMERP); CMERP is used to fund equipment purchases, maintenance and other one-time priority purchases; Council's approval is required for appropriation of funds from CMERP to various accounts to allow for replacement of various substandard and deteriorated park furnishings as needed to meet citizen requests for improved services to the community; and all acquisitions will be accomplished in accordance with the City's Procurement Policies, pursuant to Chapter 23.1, Code of the City of Roanoke, (1979), as amended.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

The City Manager recommended that Council approve appropriation of \$127,000.00 to the following departmental accounts:

\$112,330.00 to Parks and Grounds Maintenance Account No. 001-620-4340-9015.

\$14,670.00 to Parks and Grounds Maintenance Account No. 001-620-4340-2035.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35417-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 General Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35417-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)



**BUDGET-HOUSING/AUTHORITY-YOUTH-GRANTS:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the City of Roanoke continues to provide wholesome activity for the nutritional needs of children and youth during the summer months through the Office on Youth supervised Summer Nutrition Program; funds for the program, now in its eighth year, are provided through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service; the program is similar in concept to the National School Lunch Program with eligibility requirements much like those used to determine eligibility for free or reduced priced meals during the school year; the purpose of the program is to provide nutritionally balanced healthy meals to children ages one through eighteen; adult summer staff manage the program and youth are hired to assist at the feeding locations, with the City reimbursed on a per meal basis; and local cash match, in the amount of \$15,000.00, was appropriated in the fiscal year 2001- 02 General Fund budget in Human Services Support, Account No. 001-630-1270-2010.

The City Manager recommended that she be authorized to accept the Federal funds in the amount of \$151,193.00 from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service; that Council decrease fiscal year 2001-02 Human Services Support, Account No. 001-630-1270-2010 by \$15,000.00 and increase fiscal year 2001-02 budget estimate for Transfer to Grant Fund, Account No. 001-250-9310-9535 by \$15,000.00; transfer \$15,000.00 local cash match to the grant fund; and authorize the Director of Finance to establish a revenue estimate, in the amount of \$166,193.00, and appropriate funds to expenditure accounts.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35418-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 General Fund and Grant Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35418-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

Mr. Bestpitch advised that one of the feeding sites in the Summer Food Service Program is the YMCA Family Center, and his wife is employed by the YMCA; however, the City Attorney has rendered the opinion that he is not required to abstain from voting on the above referenced measure; however, in the interest of full disclosure, Mr. Bestpitch requested that the record reflect that his wife is employed by the YMCA where she is compensated in excess of \$10,000.00 per annum.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35419-061801) A RESOLUTION authorizing acceptance of reimbursement from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service on behalf of the City for program costs for the implementation of the summer program, and authorizing execution of any and all necessary documents to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant and applicable laws, regulations, and requirements pertaining thereto.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35419-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BUDGET-CULTURAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the Cultural Services Committee budget, in the amount of \$283,443.00, was established by Council with adoption of the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2001-02; requests from 17 agencies, totaling \$658,656.00 were received; appeals of committee recommendations, as provided by policy of the Cultural Services Committee, were received after notification to each agency of its tentative recommended allocation; one appeal was filed and heard on May 22, 2001, from the Harrison Museum of African American Culture; and the Cultural Services Committee voted to allocate \$22,479.00 to the Harrison Museum, while also supporting the request to receive additional funds for operational support through a source other than the Cultural Services Committee.



**The City Manager recommended that Council transfer \$283,443.00 from the Cultural Services Committee, Account No. 001-310-5221-3700, to certain new line items to be established within the Cultural Services Committee budget by the Director of Finance for fiscal year 2001-02.**

**(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Hudson offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35420-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 General Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Hudson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35420-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris.**

**Aletha Bolden, Executive Director, Harrison Museum of African-American Culture, 523 Harrison Avenue, N. W., expressed appreciation to the City of Roanoke for its past financial support of the Harrison Museum through Cultural Services Committee allocations, which support has been geared toward programs and not operational needs. She stated that since its inception, the Harrison Museum of African-American Culture has been a strong hold in the community and is recognized throughout the country as an important institution for the preservation of African-American culture; allocations through the Cultural Services Committee have aided in the programming needs of the Harrison Museum; however, recent State funding cuts have had a devastating effect on the Harrison Museum by causing certain programs and art venues to be canceled, and the Museum has recently been forced to reduce the hours of operation in which it is open to the public. She advised that the Harrison Museum Board of Directors is committed and dedicated to the Museum's strategic plan which includes funding community outreach and marketing of the Museum; and strong support is needed from the City of Roanoke to enable the Harrison Museum to continue to exist. She pointed out since the Museum is located off of the beaten path, the formation of partnerships with other arts and cultural organizations has been an important and valuable part of the program, and the Harrison Museum and other arts and cultural organizations of the Roanoke Valley are**

part of a master plan initiated by the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge, the purpose of which is to emphasize the importance of the arts and culture to the region by documenting the impact of arts and cultural organizations on the Roanoke Valley's quality of life and economic vitality. She stated that the Harrison Museum's audience is primarily drawn from the City of Roanoke and the Museum's limited staff aspires to meet the artistic needs of all residents of the Roanoke Valley; however, programs and art exhibits over the last two years have decreased dramatically due to the lack of funding. She requested that the City of Roanoke recognize the importance of the Harrison Museum by supporting the recommendation of the Cultural Services Committee that the Harrison Museum of African American Culture receive additional funds in the amount of \$75,000.00, for operational support through another source of funding other than the Cultural Services Committee.

Ordinance No. 35420-061801 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**WATER RESOURCES:** The City Manager submitted a communication with regard to bids received by the City for water and wastewater treatment chemicals for Water and Water Pollution Control divisions, to allow for purchase of necessary chemicals to operate the facilities.

The City Manager recommended that Council authorize acceptance of the lowest responsible bids as follows, reject all other bids received by the City, and authorize the Manager of the Purchasing Department to issue the necessary purchase orders.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Successful Bidder</u>	<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>
Liquid Alum	General Chemical Corp.	\$ 70,466.00
Liquid Chlorine 150 lb. cylinders	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 8,670.00
Liquid Chlorine 2,000 lb. cylinders	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 28,920.00

Sodium Hydroxide Carvins Cove	GFI Chemicals LP	\$ 112,787.00
Sodium Hydroxide Falling Creek	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 7,400.00
Orthophosphate	Shannon Chemical Corp.	\$ 34,720.00
Polymer Praestol 186 KH	Control Equipment Co., Inc.	\$ 49,764.00
Liquid Chlorine 2,000 lb. cylinders	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 33,740.00
Ferric Chloride	Eaglebrook, Inc.	\$ 128,800.00
Sulfur Dioxide	JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 51,800.00
Cationic Polymer	Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corp.	\$ 43,400.00

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35421-061801) A RESOLUTION accepting the bids for water and wastewater treatment chemicals for fiscal year 2001-2002, and rejecting all other bids.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35421-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**WATER RESOURCES-EQUIPMENT:** The City Manager submitted a communication with regard to bids received by the City for ductile iron water pipe; whereupon, she recommended that Council accept the low bid submitted by U. S.

Filter Distribution Group, Inc. for a period of one year, on a unit cost basis as set forth in bid documents, not anticipated to exceed \$163,719.00 and reject all other bids received by the City, and authorize the Manager of the Purchasing Department to issue purchase orders.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:

(#35422-061801) A RESOLUTION accepting the bid of U. S. Filter Distribution Group, Inc., made to the City for furnishing and delivering ductile iron water pipe; and rejecting all other bids made to the City.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35422-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**CITY CODE-SEWERS AND STORM DRAINS:** The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) regulations require that a scientific study and evaluation of the local limits section of sewer use ordinances/standards be conducted every five years; requirements set forth specific criteria for evaluation of the quality of raw sewage and numerous considerations regarding plant performance in order to quantify permissible loading rates for specific pollutants; computer analysis, using an approved EPA modeling program, of collected data is performed in order to generate modifications to current sewer use limits; in accordance with regulations, the required study was completed by the Water Pollution Control Plant, and results of the study require that revisions be made to the quantity of various metals and other parameters specifically regulated by the local limits sections of the Sewer Use Standards; the revisions were calculated and submitted for approval to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the EPA, and both agencies have issued approval of the required revisions; in addition to the required changes, additional work was completed to clarify and/or simplify certain language in that

portion of the City Code; and the body of work and the subsequent revisions are necessary to maintain compliance with the current Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) permit for the Water Pollution Control Plant.

It was further advised that the approval process for the State DEQ included a public advertisement and public comment period regarding the proposed changes, and Water Pollution Control Plant staff have directly communicated the changes to businesses and industries permitted for industrial discharge to the treatment plant; no significant comments were received in relation to either of the activities, inasmuch as there has been a good understanding that the revisions are required by Federal regulations; and the changes do not present any budgetary concerns or considerations.

The City Manager recommended that Council adopt revisions to the Sewer Use Standards, Chapter 26, Article III, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency ordinance:

**(#35423-061801) AN ORDINANCE amending and reordaining Chapter 26, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article III. Sewer Use Standards, Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended, by amending certain subsections of §26-43, Definitions, §26-45, Prohibited discharges generally, §26-46, Discharge of heavy metals and toxic materials, §26-51, Discharge of substances capable of impairing, etc., facilities, and §26-56, Discharge permits for industrial waste, with regard to the quantity of various metals and other parameters specifically regulated by this Code in order to comply with regulations of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which proposed amendments have been approved by both the EPA and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and providing for an emergency.**

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35423-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**BONDS/BOND ISSUES-BUDGET-STREETS AND ALLEYS:** The City Manager and the Director of Finance submitted a written report advising that on April 16, 2001, Council adopted Resolution No. 35293-041601 which authorized the City to issue general obligation bonds in the year 2002 in the principal amount of \$12 million, pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 (Code of Virginia), for the purpose of assisting the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority in paying a portion of the costs of a redevelopment project in the City known as the South Jefferson Redevelopment Project; funding in the amount of \$4 million has been requested by the Housing Authority and will be used for property acquisition, relocation of existing businesses, environmental remediation, and demolition; and funds will be provided through General Obligation Bonds to be issued in during the winter season of 2002 as the Series 2002 bond issue.

The City Manager and the Director of Finance recommended appropriation of \$4 million from the sale of Series 2002 general obligation bonds to the South Jefferson Project, Account No. 008-052-9633.

**(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Carder offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35424-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION:** Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35424-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

**CITY CODE:** The City Attorney submitted a written report advising that since 1982, Council has reenacted and recodified the City Code on an annual basis in order to properly incorporate in the Code amendments made by the General Assembly at the previous Session to State statutes that are incorporated by reference in the City Code, which ensures that ordinances codified in the City's Code incorporate the most recent amendments to State law.

The City Attorney recommended that Council adopt an ordinance to readopt and reenact the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), advising that if the ordinance is not adopted, City Code sections incorporating provisions of the State Code amended

at the last Session of the General Assembly may not be deemed to include the recent amendments and may be impermissibly inconsistent which could result in the dismissal of criminal prosecutions under these City Code sections.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency ordinance:

(#35425-061801) AN ORDINANCE to readopt and reenact the Code of the City of Roanoke (1979), as amended; and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35425-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

**BUDGET-RISK MANAGEMENT:** The City Manager and the Director of Finance submitted a joint written report advising that the City accounts for all self-insured liabilities in its Risk Management Internal Service Fund; the Fund has incurred costs in excess of budget during fiscal year 2001, and has also billed user funds and departments at amounts exceeding the original revenue estimates to recover costs; and to properly balance the budget to actual accounting for the year, the following budgetary adjustments are recommended:

**Expenditure Accounts:**

**Environmental Management Regular Employee Salaries (Account No. 019-310-1214-1002)**

An increase of \$8,000.00 is needed because the position budgeted was at a lower pay grade than actually utilized. The related benefit accounts also require adjustment as follows:





**Environmental Management City Retirement  
(Account No. 019-310-1214-1105) Increase \$1,500.00; and**

**Environmental Management FICA  
(Account No. 019-310-1214-1120) Increase \$2,000.00**

**Risk Management Fees For Professional Services (Account No. 019-420-1262-2010)**

**An increase of \$12,000.00 is needed to provide funding for professional fees paid for a consultant study of utilizing a third party for workers' compensation. A report will be presented at the July 2, 2001 City Council meeting regarding a recommendation to contract for these services.**

**Risk Management Self Insured Auto Liability Claims (Account No. 019-420-1262-2173)**

**An increase of \$20,000.00 is needed due to claims in the fiscal year which exceeded the original estimate of \$69,000.00. Fluctuation occurs from year to year in the level of such expenses based upon the City's experience.**

**Risk Management Miscellaneous Claims (Account No. 019-420-1262-2172)**

**An increase of \$80,000.00 is needed due to the unusually high level of claims paid for water main breaks during the cold winter season.**

**Risk Management Workers' Comp Medical Expenses (Account No. 019-420-1262-2181)**

**An increase of \$250,000.00 is needed due to a higher than typical level of medical claims paid. This is due to several fairly severe medical conditions which have resulted in costly medical expenses.**

**Revenues:**

**Risk Management Billings to General Fund (Account No. 019-110-1234-0952)**

An increase of \$3,500.00 is needed due to increased fund billings resulting from higher expenses than originally anticipated.  
Risk Management Billings to Water Fund (Account No. 019-110-1234-0953)

An increase of \$120,000.00 is needed due to the additional billings made to the fund for water main breaks incurred during the year. Other expense increases also necessitated a higher billing. Funding is available in the water fund operating accounts to provide for higher billings.

Risk Management Workers' Comp Billings - Medical (Account No. -110-1234-1171)

An increase of \$250,000.00 is needed in the revenue account to correspond to the increased expense budget previously cited. Billings are made to all funds of the City, the largest being made to the General Fund. Additional funding of \$212,000.00 was allocated from unused FICA to cover General Fund workers comp expenditures. Other funds can absorb additional workers comp costs through operating accounts.

The City Manager and the Director of Finance recommended adjustments in the Risk Management Internal Service Fund.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35426-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Risk Management Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35426-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT-BUDGET-TRANSPORTATION FUND:** The Director of Finance submitted a written report advising that the annual Transportation Fund Appropriation of the City of Roanoke for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002, with revenues totaling \$1,970,217.00 and expenditures totaling \$2,043,043.00, was adopted by Council on May 7, 2001, pursuant to by Ordinance No. 35334-050701; the Transportation Fund revenues fund expenses, less depreciation, plus principal reduction on indebtedness; and appropriation of \$73,200.00 for the purchase of an automated parking ticket system was omitted from the Transportation Fund Appropriation Ordinance.

The Director of Finance recommended that Council appropriate \$73,200.00 to the 2001-2002 Transportation Fund budget, to provide funds for an automated parking ticket system.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Hudson offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35427-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Transportation Fund Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Hudson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35427-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BUDGET:** The Director of Finance submitted a written report advising that capital projects of all types have been approved by Council for construction over the past years, which have included construction in major categories for buildings, parks, streets, bridges, sanitary sewers, water projects, storm drains, and various technology related projects; funding is established for each project when Council approves the project based on bids for various project costs, as well as extra funding for possible contingencies; and some projects have contingency funds remaining

after the final bills are paid because those projects have been completed within established budgets.

It was further advised that a number of projects have been completed and can be closed, with remaining funds to be transferred from the completed projects to capital projects still under construction; a proposed budget ordinance will transfer remaining funds totalling \$306,389.00 from completed projects to related projects under construction; \$89,318.00 in funds have been transferred from the completed Sidewalks and Curbs Phase 3 and Phase 4 projects to the continuing Sidewalks and Curbs Phase 5 project; the three Bridge Replacement Project has been closed, and \$89,608.00 in remaining funds have been transferred to the ongoing Bridge Maintenance Project; several bridge related projects have been closed, and \$48,231.00 have been transferred to the new Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation Project; Thomason Road Engineering Project and the Murdock Creek Drainage Project have been completed and will transfer \$30,591.00 and \$36,636.00, respectively, to the recently created Miscellaneous Drainage Phase 2 Project; and various Department of Technology projects have been closed, and \$19,929.00 have been transferred to an existing project account for system development.

The Director of Finance recommended that Council authorize the transfer of funds from completed capital projects to certain appropriate accounts.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

Mr. Bestpitch offered the following emergency budget ordinance:

(#35428-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects and Department of Technology Funds Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Bestpitch moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35428-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**BUDGET-GRANTS-SCHOOLS:** The Director of Finance submitted a written report summarizing the appropriation of the following School Board grants for fiscal year 2001-2002:

**\$3,194,048.00 for the Title I Winter Program,**

**\$146,285.00 for the Title I Even Start Family Literacy Grant,**

**\$204,512.00 for the Title VI Program,**

**\$687,263.00 for Title VI Class Size Reduction Initiative,**

**\$1,419,311.00 for the Governor's School Program,**

**\$85,933.00 for the Eisenhower Title II Professional Development Program,**

**\$1,681,197.00 for the Flow Through Program,**

**\$197,817.00 for the Fleming-Ruffner Community Learning Center,**

**\$69,755.00 for the Child Specialty Services Program,**

**\$73,460.00 for the Child Development Clinic Program,**

**\$222,391.00 for the Juvenile Detention Home Program,**

**\$135,979.00 for the Preschool Incentive Program,**

**\$163,604.00 for the Adult Basic Education Program,**

**\$131,211.00 for the Apprenticeship Program,**

**\$49,960.00 for the Jobs for Virginia Graduates Program,**

**\$397,251.00 for the Perkins Act Program,**

**\$39,911.00 for the Regional Adult Education Specialist Program,**

**\$150,098.00 for the Regional Adult Literacy (TAP) Program,**

**\$8,612.00 for the General Education Development (GED) Testing Program,**

**\$56,297.00 for the Summer Youth Employment Program,**

**\$26,913.00 for the Workplace Education Program,**  
**\$35,222.00 for the Regional Adult Basic Education Program,**  
**\$21,341.00 for the Adult Education in the Jail Program,**  
**\$1,375,023.00 for the Alternative Education Program,**  
**\$90,706.00 for the Drug Free Schools Program,**  
**\$159,071.00 for the Roanoke Adolescent Health Partnership,**  
**\$3,750.00 for the Grants Management Program,**  
**\$243,863.00 for the Project YES (Youth Experiencing Success) Program,**  
**\$67,041.00 for the Homeless Assistance Program,**  
**\$47,367.00 for the State Truancy Project,**  
**\$449,532.00 for the Blue Ridge Technical Academy,**  
**\$6,797.00 for the Special Education Interpreter Training Program,**  
**\$170,173.00 for the Special Education Jail Program, and**  
**\$305,665.00 for the Innovative Grant.**

**The Director of Finance recommended that Council adopt a budget ordinance providing for the above referenced appropriations.**

**(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**Mr. Harris offered the following emergency budget ordinance:**

**(#35429-061801) AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain certain sections of the 2000-2001 Capital Projects and Department of Technology Funds Appropriations, and providing for an emergency.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 35429-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and adopted by the following vote:**



**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**PURCHASE/SALE OF PROPERTY-WATER RESOURCES:** At a regular meeting of Council held on Monday, May 7, 2001, Council tabled a communication from the City Manager with regard to adoption of a policy on the sale of land in City-owned watersheds, pending response to certain questions raised by Council Member Wyatt, Mr. Harris moved that the matter be removed from the table. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted.

The City Manager submitted a communication advising that the City of Roanoke currently owns over 14,000 acres of watershed and buffer property for the protection and preservation of the Carvins Cove Reservoir and the Beaver and Falling Creek Reservoirs; watershed property provides drainage from rainfall into the storage reservoirs and is the only source of recharge; buffer property while beyond the divide of the watershed, provides protection against intrusion upon the watershed property; and City policy has been that watershed property is not for sale while buffer property may be considered for lease or sale on an extremely limited basis.

It was further advised that the City receives requests periodically for the purchase of watershed and buffer property from adjoining property owners; and recent requests have identified a need to establish a policy for the sale of property within the City of Roanoke water supply watersheds.

The City Manager recommended adoption of a policy on the sale of land in City-owned watersheds to establish a consistent means of addressing future requests.

(For full text, see communication and proposed policy on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**Mr. Harris offered the following resolution:**

**(#35430-061801) A RESOLUTION approving and adopting the City of Roanoke Policy on the Sale of Property within the City of Roanoke Water Supply Watersheds, in accordance with the City Manager's Letter to this Council dated June 18, 2001.**

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35430-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, Hudson, and Mayor Smith-----5.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members White and Wyatt were absent.)

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**

**MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**INQUIRIES AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

**OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS: NONE.**

At 3:25 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess for three closed sessions.

At 4:15 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the Emergency Operations Center Conference Room, Room 159, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, with Mayor Smith presiding, for the purpose of meeting with the Vision 2001 Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and the City Planning Commission to review the Draft of the 2001 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Roanoke.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** William D. Bestpitch, William H. Carder, C. Nelson Harris, W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., and Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

**2001 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Walter Rugaber, Chair, Patrick N. Shaffner, Richard A Dearing, John P. Bradshaw, Jr., Mary C. Knapp, Fredrick M. Williams, Carl Cooper, Paula L. Prince, Dan Smith, Brian Gottstein and Brian Shepherd.

**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Kent Chrisman, Chair, Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., Richard A. Rife, S. Wayne Campbell, and Melvin L. Hill.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ernie Hutton, representing Hutton Associates, Inc.; Jenny Benson, representing Benson Associates - Hill Studio PC; Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; Mary F. Parker, City Clerk; Robert H. Bird, Municipal Auditor; Willard N. Claytor,

**Director of Real Estate Valuation; Evelyn S. Lander, Director of Planning, Building and Development; David A. Diaz, Project Manager, Department of Planning, Building and Development; and Martha P. Franklin, Secretary, City Planning Commission.**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING:** Ms. Lander expressed appreciation to the Vision 2001 Advisory Committee for the many hours of volunteer service. She advised that the Vision 2001 Comprehensive Plan is an important tool in building future public decisions in land use, development, public infrastructure, and budget allocations; the Plan is broad in its discussion, yet strategic in setting a framework for implementation; the recommended actions are not intended to be detailed and all inclusive, but were identified as having the most priority during public workshops and are intended to initiate additional planning or activities.

It was explained that key themes to guide Roanoke into the future are discussed in the Executive Summary section of the Plan; Chapter 3 discusses the various elements: housing and neighborhoods, economic development, infrastructure, people or human services, public facilities and services and environmental, cultural and historic resources; Chapter 3 also describes existing conditions, discusses the approach for the future, and sets forth recommended public policies and possible actions to guide decisions and implement the Plan; a discussion of the importance of City design is included, along with design principles for encouraging quality, compatible development and a beautiful City; specific implementation opportunities or strategic initiatives are discussed as ideas to make the Plan “happen” and those model initiatives can be applied to areas of the City. It was noted that Chapter 4 seeks to achieve the goal that Roanoke must be a beautiful City, by establishing general design principles to guide future infill new development, street improvements, and redevelopment of underused sites; Chapter 5 includes a strategic checklist or matrix of the recommended actions discussed in Chapter 3 which will allow for easy review and reporting of accomplishments and work efforts in the future; and Chapter 6 addresses regional opportunities, regulatory tools and other means of implementing the Plan.

Walter Rugaber, Chair, Vision 2001 Advisory Committee, presented an overview of the draft Plan.

(For full text, see draft Vision 2001 Comprehensive Plan on file in the City Clerk’s Office.)

Following questions and observations by Council Members, Ms. Lander advised that the City Planning Commission has scheduled a public hearing for July 19, 2001, with the goal of submitting the Plan to Council at its Monday, August 20, 2001 meeting. She stated that over the next two to three weeks, City

Planning staff would like to receive as much feedback as possible in order to address issues of concern prior to the document going to the City Planning Commission for public hearing.

Council Member Harris requested that the City Manager respond to the following questions:

What are the three most difficult elements of the Plan as it moves from planning to action?

How will the various initiatives in the Plan be prioritized?

What process will be developed by Council and the City administration to hold City government accountable for implementation of the Plan?

At 5:05 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess.

At 5:35 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the Emergency Operations Center Conference Room, Room 159, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with Mayor Smith presiding.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a joint work session with the City Planning Commission to further discuss the draft Vision 2001 Comprehensive Plan.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** William D. Bestpitch, William H. Carder, C. Nelson Harris, and Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

**CITYPLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Kent Chrisman, Chair, Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., S. Wayne Campbell, Melvin L. Hill, Richard Rife and Gilbert E. Butler, Jr. (arrived late).

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ernie Hutton, representing Hutton Associates, Inc.; Jenny Benson, representing Benson Associates - Hill Studio PC; Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; Mary F. Parker, City Clerk; Robert H. Bird, Municipal Auditor; Willard N. Claytor, Director of Real Estate Valuation; Evelyn S. Lander, Director of Planning, Building and Development; David A. Diaz, Project Manager, Department of Planning, Building and Development; and Martha P. Franklin, Secretary, City Planning Commission.

Following further review of certain portions of the draft Plan by Mr. Rife, the Mayor declared the Council meeting in recess at 6:25 p.m.

Council reconvened at 6:30 p.m., for a continuation of the previously convened closed session, in the Council's Conference Room, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building , 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke.

At 6:50 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber with Mayor Smith presiding and all Members of the Council in attendance, with the exception of Council Members White, Wyatt and Hudson.

**ACTION:** COUNCIL: With respect to the Closed Meeting just concluded, Mr. Bethpitch moved that each Member of City Council certify to the best of his or her knowledge that: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in any motion by which any Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

COMMITTEES-SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: The Mayor advised that there is a vacancy on the Special Events Committee, created by the resignation of Samuel G. Oakey, III, for a term ending June 30, 2002, and called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

**ACTION:** Mr. Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Linda Gravely.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Gravely was appointed as a member of the Special Events Committee for a term ending June 30, 2002, by the following vote:

FOR MS GRAVELY: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris and Mayor Smith-----4.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

**COMMITTEES-YOUTH SERVICES CITIZEN BOARD:** The Mayor advised that there is a vacancy on the Youth Services Citizen Board created by the resignation of Todd St. Clair for a term ending May 31, 2004, and called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

**ACTION:** Mr. Bestpitch placed in nomination the name of Sharon Hicks.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Hicks was appointed as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term ending May 31, 2004, by the following vote:

**FOR MS. HICKS:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris and Mayor Smith-----4.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

**COMMITTEES-ROANOKE ARTS COMMISSION:** The Mayor advised that there are two vacancies on the Roanoke Arts Commission created by the resignations of Lu Jean Bedard for a term ending June 30, 2002, and Matthew Kennell for a term ending June 30, 2004, and called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Carder placed in nomination the names of George Kegley and Michael Brennan.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Kegley was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lu Jean Bedard, resigned, ending June 30, 2002; and Michael Brennan was appointed for a term ending June 30, 2004, as members of the Roanoke Arts Commission, by the following vote:

**ACTION:** **FOR MESSRS. KEGLEY AND BRENNAN:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris and Mayor Smith-----4.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

At 6:55 p.m., the Mayor declared the meeting in recess to be reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., the Roanoke City Council reconvened in regular session in the City Council Chamber, fourth floor, Noel C. Taylor Municipal Building, 215 Church Avenue, S. W., City of Roanoke, with the following Council Members in attendance, Mayor Smith presiding.

**PRESENT:** Council Members William D. Bestpitch, William H. Carder, C. Nelson Harris, and Mayor Ralph K. Smith-----4.

**ABSENT:** Council Members W. Alvin Hudson, Jr., William White, Sr., and Linda F. Wyatt-----3.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager; William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; James D. Grisso, Director of Finance; and Mary F. Parker, City Clerk.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Council Member C. Nelson Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Smith.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on a request of Richard A. Dearing to vacate and discontinue and close a certain public alley extending between Richelieu and Crystal Spring Avenues, S. W., the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Friday, June 1, 2001, and Friday, June 8, 2001.

(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

A report of the Planning Commission advising that the land within the alley being requested for closure and vacation is currently serving no useful purpose; and upon closure and vacation of the alley, the land within the alley right-of-way will revert back to the City's real estate tax rolls and all future City costs required for maintenance of the alley will be eliminated, was before Council.

The City Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the request, subject to certain conditions.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Bestpitch moved that the following ordinance be placed on its first reading:

**(#35431) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION:** The motion was seconded by Mr Carder.

**Mr. Richard A. Dearing appeared before Council in support of the request.**

**The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Ordinance No. 35431 was adopted, on its first reading, by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Without objection by Council, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.**

**STREETS AND ALLEYS: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the request of Shenandoah Crossings, L.P., that an alley extending between Shenandoah and Centre Avenues, N. W., Official Tax No. 2013606, be permanently vacated, discontinued and closed, the matter was before the body.**

**Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Friday, June 1, 2001, and Friday, June 8, 2001.**

**(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**A report of the City Planning Commission advising that the purpose of the request to close and vacate the subject alley is to remove and eliminate the alley as an objection to title to the land occupied by the GOB South Building; and the petitioner owns all of the land abutting upon both sides of the subject alley, was before Council.**



The City Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the request, subject to certain conditions.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading:

(#35432) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder.

Daniel F. Layman, Jr., Attorney, appeared before Council in support of the request of his client.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Ordinance No. 35432 was adopted, on its first reading, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

Without objection by Council, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

**ZONING:** Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the request of Melrose Properties, Inc., that a tract of land located at Melrose Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street, N. W., Official Tax No. 2420205, be rezoned from C-2, General Commercial District, to IPUD, Industrial Planned Unit Development District, subject to certain proffered conditions by the petitioner, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Friday, June 1, 2001, and Friday, June 8, 2001.

**(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**A report of the City Planning Commission advising that the purpose of the request for rezoning is to encourage development of the site for light manufacturing (i.e., warehousing, distribution) and commercial (i.e., general retail) purposes, was before Council.**

**The City Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the request, subject to certain proffered conditions.**

**(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)**

**ACTION: Mr. Carder moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading:**

**(#35433) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.**

**(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)**

**ACTION: The motion was seconded by Mr Bestpitch.**

**David A. McCray, Spokesperson, appeared before Council in support of the request of his client.**

**The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Ordinance No. 35433 was adopted on its first reading by the following vote:**

**AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.**

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Without objection by Council, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS: Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to receive citizen input on a proposed amendment to Roanoke**

Vision, the City's Comprehensive Development Plan for Roanoke, to include the Melrose-Rugby Neighborhood Plan as an element of said Plan the matter, was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Sunday, June 10, 2001.

(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

The City Planning Commission recommended amendment of the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Melrose-Rugby Neighborhood Plan.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Carder offered the following resolution:

(#35434-061801) A RESOLUTION approving the Melrose-Rugby Neighborhood Plan, and amending Roanoke Vision, the City's Official Comprehensive Development Plan for Roanoke, to include the Melrose-Rugby Neighborhood Plan.

(For full text of Resolution, see Resolution Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Carder moved the adoption of Resolution No. 35434-061801. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch.

Evelyn S. Lander, Agent, City Planning Commission, appeared before Council in support of the request.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Resolution No. 35434-061801 was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.

**NAYS:** None-----0.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

Without objection by Council, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

**INDUSTRIES-CITYPROPERTY:** Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public

hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to receive citizen input on a proposal to convey portions of City-owned property located at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology to Blue Hills Golf Corporation (approximately 14,000 square feet) and to Anderson Wade Douthat, *et al.* (approximately 12,000 square feet), the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Sunday, June 10, 2001.

(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

The City Manager submitted a communication recommending authorization to convey City-owned property to Blue Hills Golf Corp., and to Anderson Wade Douthat, *et al.*, subject to certain terms and conditions.

(For full text, see communication on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Harris moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading:

(#35435) AN ORDINANCE providing for the fee simple conveyance of two small tracts of City-owned property located at the Roanoke Centre for Industry and Technology, adjacent to Tracts A, B and F, to the Blue Hills Golf Corporation (containing approximately 14,000 square feet), and to Anderson Wade Douthat, *et al.* (containing approximately 12,000 square feet), upon certain terms and conditions.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** The motion was seconded by Mr. Carder.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Ordinance No. 35435 was adopted, on its first reading, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.

NAYS: None-----0.

(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)

Without objection by Council the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** Pursuant to Resolution No. 25523 adopted by the Council on Monday, April 6, 1981, the City Clerk having advertised a public hearing for Monday, June 18, 2001, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, on the request of the City of Roanoke that a certain alley which crosses Official Tax No. 4010213, between Norfolk Avenue, S. E., and property bearing Official Tax No. 4010209, and facing Salem Avenue, S. E., be permanently vacated, discontinued and closed, the matter was before the body.

Legal advertisement of the public hearing was published in The Roanoke Times on Friday, June 1, 2001, and Friday, June 8, 2001.

(See publisher's affidavit on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

A report of the City Planning Commission advising that the undeveloped alley right-of-way is currently serving no useful purpose, it lies within the center of an existing parking lot, and it is not being used as a public alley; and closure and vacation of the alley will provide additional land that can be used by the Western Virginia Foundation for the Arts and Services for purposes that would be more beneficial to the needs of the general public, was before Council.

The City Planning Commission recommended that Council approve the request, subject to certain conditions.

(For full text, see report on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

**ACTION:** Mr. Carder moved that the following ordinance be placed upon its first reading:

(#35436) AN ORDINANCE permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing certain public right-of-way in the City of Roanoke, Virginia, as more particularly described hereinafter.

(For full text of Ordinance, see Ordinance Book No. 64.)

**ACTION:** The motion was seconded by Mr. Bestpitch.

The Mayor inquired if there were persons present who would like to address Council with regard to the matter. There being none, Ordinance No. 35436 was adopted, on its first reading, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Bestpitch, Carder, Harris, and Mayor Smith-----4.

**NAYS: None-----0.**

**(Council Members Hudson, White and Wyatt were absent.)**

**Without objection by Council the Mayor declared the public hearing closed.**

**OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

**The Mayor advised that Council sets this time as a priority for citizens to speak and a time for Council to listen; and matters requiring referral to the City Mangers will be referred immediately for necessary and appropriate response, recommendation or report Council.**

**COMPLAINTS-CITY EMPLOYEES: Mr. Robert Gravely, 617 Hanover Avenue, N. W., addressed Council in connection with low wages paid to the City's work force. He advised that the average City employee cannot afford to purchase a home and there is increased crime and homelessness in the City of Roanoke. He expressed concern with regard to City recreation centers that are in need of roof repairs, and school that are in need of renovations while funds from City bond issues are used for purposes that do not benefit the average citizen of Roanoke.**

**There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

**A P P R O V E D**

**ATTEST:**

**Mary F. Parker  
City Clerk**

**Ralph K. Smith  
Mayor**

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